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## Home Loyalty

For some time there was talk of a 4th of July celebration in Elgin this year but this idea has been abandoned. Some think that the town should hold a three days' fair in September this fall. Whether or not this will be undertaken will depend largely upon the support given by our citizenship and the loyalty which they show to it.

Some years ago the writer attended a 4th of July celebration in a small town and the editor of the paper in that town and his family spent the day picnicing in the woods. Several merchants were justly indignant and said they would never do any more advertising with him. The editor had voted for the celebration, did some printing for the committee and then forsook them in an hour of need.

The merchants were right in deciding to boycott any one who was so disloyal to their town, but it was no worse in the editor than it would have been in a groceryman, a dry goods man, or a hardware man. Had one of them done what the editor did the editor would have just as good reason to buy his groceries, dry goods or hardware in some other town.

Last fall Elgin held a poultry show and some of the farmer members of the poultry association noticed the fact and remarked about it that some of the Elgin business men did not go near the poultry show. As a result these farmers are buying their goods in those places elsewhere and the town is suffering as a result. It may not have been done intentionally but every citizen should be loyal to every movement that is being advanced by home people to help build up the town.

## Free Ball Games.

On Saturday the Elgin ball team was at an expense of \$12.50 to get the Lawton team here. The players who give their time free and also take time to practice cannot be expected to meet this expense just to give the public a free game.

As a result an admission fee of 25 cents was charged at the gates to which some objected. Some did not know that the charge was going to be made so could be excused for not having their pocketbooks with them.

The Elgin team is giving the people of this locality a chance to witness some good games of ball, believing that most people would rather pay 25 cents to see a good game by far than to witness a poor game free of charge. Interest soon dies out in games with the teams that can hitch up to a wagon and drive into Elgin, thus not making any expense.

On Saturday the Elgin team will go to Waukesha and of course the players will get their expenses paid. This is customary between all teams of any standing. When the boys play on their home ground again it will be a team from a distance, which will cause from \$15 to \$20 expense.

## Wednesday Elgin Markets

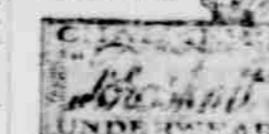
Corn	68
Wheat	85
Oats	32
Raisin, per bushel, threshed	50
Hops	9.00
Cream	25
Butter	18.20
Eggs	12 1-2
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